

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: NETWORK STATUS REPORTING METHOD AND A COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the heading --Background of the Invention--.

Page 1, first paragraph, please amend to read as follows:

The present invention relates to a method for reporting network status, in a communications network, to a data source with an adaptive transmission rate in order to enable said data source to adapt said transmission rate based on said network status, said communications network further containing at least one intermediate network node and a data sink, and also relates to a communications network comprising at least one data source with an adaptive transmission rate, at least one intermediate node and at least one data sink, with the data source being able to adapt the transmission rate on the basis of network status information.

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